List of change of cadre of Indian Forest Service officers from 2001-2003

Sl. No.	Name of IFS Offi	Allotment Year	Year of Transfer	From	To
1.	Hari Shankar Mahanta	(MP: 1997)	2001	Nagaland	Madhya Pradesh
2.	Smt. Meera	(MH: 2000)	2003	West Bengal	Maharashtra
3.	Tushar Kanti Behera	(PB: 1999)	2003	Uttar Pradesh	Punjab

Meeting of the Departmental Council (JCM) of DoPT

2492. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4615 given in Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two years no meeting of the Departmental Council (JCM) of DoPT has been convened;

(b) whether the fact of non-holding of the meeting was brought to the notice of the DoPT in December, 2003;

(c) if so, whether any date for the same has been fixed, so far, for disposal of the pending and new agenda already received;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the specific reasons for the same and the likely date by which a meeting of the Council would be convened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Action Taken Reports on most of the pending items have been compiled. However, no new items have so far been proposed by the Staff side. We have requested the Staff side to send the same afte.r which steps will be taken to convene the meeting on mutually convenient date.

Grants-in-aid to Orissa

2493. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eleventh Finance Commission has

recommended Grants-in-aid Orissa to compensate the State against royalty;

(b) if so, whether some *ad-hoc* Grant-in-aid has been sanctioned to the State as a result thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Madam. The Eleventh Finance Commission had recommended that royalty rates on minerals be revised regularly and decision about revision of rates of royalty be taken well before the date on which revision falls due so that it can be notified immediately after the completion of every three-year period as provided under the law. In case the process of revision is not completed by the date the new revision is due, the States should be entitled to compensation.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government of India have not accepted the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission relating to the entitlement of States for payment of compensation on revising royalty rates after expiry of every 3 years as it is not mandated by the law as it exists today.

Pace of development in country

†2494. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to speed up the pace of development in the country there is a need to increase the development expenditure;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have identified the areas where curtailment of expenditure is possible in order to curtail non-plan expenditure; and

(d) the details of such areas and expenditures?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.